SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the specification as follows:

Substitute the abstract with the following:

[Various embodiments provide] Systems and methods [that can be utilized to] for remotely [manager] managing operating system

deployments. Various features [ean] allow a system administrator to

plan and schedule operating system or image deployment on various

computers or machines [throughout an organization]. Planning and

scheduling image deployment, in accordance with the various systems

and methods described below, can take place in bandwidth-sensitive environments and are easily scalable. Various embodiments can

environments and are easily scalable. Various embodiments can

provide an imaging process that seamlessly migrates data and/or state [(e.g., machine/client/user\_data\_and\_state)] to a newly-imaged

operating system. [<del>In addition, at least</del>] Some embodiments can

provide end users with flexibility to alter the behavior of the image

deployment within policies that are specified by the system

administrator. Additional embodiments provide a rich mechanism by which status reports are generated and sent to the system

administrator to assist them in managing the deployment. Further embodiments can conduct operating system deployment in-place,

meaning that additional disk partitions are not required.

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